

# Michigan Reads! 2008



## What's In the Trash Can?

### *Read*

- *Compost: growing gardens from your garbage*, by Linda Glaser, Millbrook Press, 1996.
- *Diary of a worm*, by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Harry Bliss, Joanna Cotler, 2003.
- *The Dumpster diver*, by Janet S. Wong, illustrated by David Roberts, Candleick, 2007
- *Dumpy the dumptruck*, by Julie Andrews Edwards & Emma Walton Hamilton, illustrated by Tony Walton, Hyperion, 2000.
- *Earth Day – hooray!*, by Stuart Murphy, illustrated by Renee Andriani, HarperCollins, 2004.
- *EcoCrafts.creative Costumes*, by Dawn Brend, Kingfisher, 2007.
- *EcoCrafts: gorgeous gifts*, by Rebecca Craig, Kingfisher, 2007.
- *Every day is Earth Day: a craft book*, by Kathy Ross, illustrated by Sharon Lane Holm, Millbrook Press, 1995.
- *50 simple things kids can do to recycle*, by Earth Work Group, illustrated by Michele Montez, Earth Works Press, 1994.
- *Garbage collectors*, by Paulette Bourgeois, Kids Can Press, 1991.
- *Good Earth art: environmental art for kids*, by Mary Ann Kohl, illustrated by Cindy Gainer, Bright Ring Publishers, 1991.
- *Grover's ten terrific ways to help our wonderful world*, by Anna Ross, illustrated by Tom Leigh, Random House, 1992.
- *I stink!*, by Kate & Jim MacMullan, Joanne Cotler Books, 2002.
- *Once upon a banana*, by Jennifer Armstrong, illustrated by David Small, Simon & Schuster, 2006.
- *Raccoon tune*, by Nancy Shaw, illustrated by Howard Fine, Henry Holt, 2003.
- *Recycle: a handbook for kids*, by Gail Gibbons, Little Brown, 1992.
- *Recycle every day!*, by Nancy Wallace, Marshall Cavendish, 2003.
- *Recycling*, by Gary Chandler and Kevin Graham, Twenty-First Century Books, 1996.
- *Trash action: a fresh look at garbage*, by Ann Love & Jane Drake, illustrated by Mark Thurman, Tundra Books, 2006.
- *Trashy Town*, by Andrea Zimmerman & David Clemesha, illustrated by Dan Yaccarino, HarperCollins, 1999.

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- *Waste, recycling and reuse: our impact on the planet*, by Rob Bowden, Raintree Stech-Vaughn, 2002.
- *Where does the garbage go?*, by Paul Showers, illustrated by Loretta Lustig, Crowell, 1974.

### *Music*

- *Good habits*, by Geof Johnson, "Recycle," the Orchard, 2002.
- *Sing-A-Longs & Lullabies for the Film Curious George*, by Jack Johnson, "The 3 R's" and "My own two hands," UMVD Labels, 2006.
- *Singin' For the Earth*, J.P. Taylor, "The Landfill blues," J.P. Taylor, 2008.

### *Crafts, Ages 2 and up – depending on the craft and materials*

- Make something using recycling (preferably from something the children themselves bring in to donate. Check out one of the craft books listed above or see:
  - [http://crafts.kaboose.com/holidays/earth-day/earth\\_day\\_crafts.html](http://crafts.kaboose.com/holidays/earth-day/earth_day_crafts.html)
  - [http://kidscrafts.suite101.com/article.cfm/trash\\_to\\_treasure\\_crafts\\_for\\_kids](http://kidscrafts.suite101.com/article.cfm/trash_to_treasure_crafts_for_kids)
- Build a larger structure or model from collected items. This forces older kids (and adults) to acknowledge how much we throw away and gets kids thinking about reusing items:  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?articleID=20080508\\_238\\_A11\\_hHenr40734](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?articleID=20080508_238_A11_hHenr40734)
  - **Ages 4 and up**
- Decorate a bucket to be taken home and used for compost. Buy plastic buckets with handles that can be easily stored under the sink. Kids can use paint to decorate them—maybe with pictures of things that go in the compost (banana peels, egg shells, etc.)
  - **Ages 2 and up**

### *Sing-a-longs*

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- **All Around the Garbage Can**, to the tune: “Pop Goes the Weasel!” **Ages 0-5**  
(Source: Phyllis Thode, Julie Moore, text from “Raccoon Tune”)

All around the garbage can  
The raccoons tip it over  
They want some yummy food to eat  
Pop! Goes the trashcan.

This lid is on a little tight.  
We'll have to put up quite a fight.  
We pull and pull with all our might.  
Pop! Goes the trashcan.

What's inside for us to eat?  
We really want some tasty treats!  
Banana peels and bright red beets.  
Pop! Goes the trashcan.

- **If You See a Piece of Litter**, to the tune: “If You're Happy and You Know It” **Ages 0-5**  
(Source: <http://www.perpetualpreschool.com>)

If you see a piece of litter pick it up (Yell-PICK IT UP!)  
If you see a piece of litter pick it up (PICK IT UP!)  
You will make the world look better if you pick up all the litter.  
If you see a piece of litter, pick it up (PICK IT UP!!)

- **Hear the Recycling!**, to the tune: “Mary Had a Little Lamb” **Ages 0-5**  
(Source: [perpetualpreschool.com](http://www.perpetualpreschool.com))

Hear the cans go crunch, crunch, crunch...crunch, crunch, crunch... crunch,  
crunch, crunch

Hear the cans go crunch, crunch, crunch. Recycle for our Earth!

Hear the paper go crinkle, crinkle, crinkle...

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Hear the glass go clink, clink, clink...

Add other materials and sounds!

### *Activity*

- **What goes in the trash? Ages 2-8**
  - Set out a trash can, recycling box, and a composting bucket
  - Bring out actual articles of trash, recycling, and compost and have the kids help decide where they should go
  - If something is trash, discuss whether it can be reused in any way or if there is a way to prevent it from being thrown away (for example, if it is a plastic shopping bag, you can talk about using canvas bags)
  - Consult your local recycling agencies for a complete list of what can be recycled in your area—you may be surprised! There is usually a long list of items that can be recycled beyond normal curbside pick up.
  - Ages 2-4: stick to the “sorting” exercise
  - Ages 5 and up: incorporate information about reducing waste, how to help your community with recycling and composting, etc.
- **Trashcan Treasure Hunt, Ages 2-8**
  - Set out trashcans around the library and fill them with an assortment of “trash” (paper, cans, plastic food, cups, etc.)
  - Kids need to get out recycleables for the recycling box and compostables for the compost bucket.
  - Note how much you reduced the trash!
  - Ages 2-4: Keep items simple and clear (one or two types of “trash” one or two types of “recycling” and one or two types of “compost”)
  - Ages 5 and up: Put a greater variety of items in the trash cans and include items that are questionable—what do we do in our community with batteries? Or sneakers?

### *Print-outs*

- **Coloring pages:**
  - [http://www.edhelper.com/caring\\_for\\_earth.htm](http://www.edhelper.com/caring_for_earth.htm)

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- [http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/earth\\_day\\_coloring\\_pages.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/earth_day_coloring_pages.htm)
- <http://printables.kaboose.com/holidays/earth-day/coloring-pages/earth-color.html>
- **Earth day word searches at 4 different levels:**
  - <http://holidays.kaboose.com/earthday-word.html>